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LETTER RE SWORDFISH EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES

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11. (SBU) On March 4, Post delivered REFTEL letter from Acting National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Assistant Administrator James Balsiger to Aldemir Gregolin, Brazil's Minister of Aquiculture and Fishing. Post followed up by informing Osvaldo Barbossa, the International Affairs Advisor for the Secretariat of Aquiculture and Fishing, and Fernando Coimbra, the Director of the Ministry of Exterior Relations' Environment Division.

12. (SBU) On March 12, Barbossa provided an update, saying that the Brazilian government has been studying the matter and would be preparing its response. When Post receives a response it will pass on to Washington.

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